

✓ Page 2, between line 17 and 18, insert:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

✓ Page 4, between lines 11 and 12, insert:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

✓ between lines 19 and 20, insert:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Please cancel without prejudice or disclaimer Claim 9. ✓

Please rewrite Claims 1-8 as shown below. A marked-up copy of the claims is appended hereto.

1. (Amended) A vehicle door comprising:

a door structure consisting of an outer wall and of a lower wall and lateral walls and which is open towards an inside of the vehicle,

B1 an equipment support which can be fixed to the door structure, comprising already mounted equipment,

an interior trim lining,

wherein the equipment support comprises at least one double-shell box structure, resistant to warping, with two continuous walls which are spaced apart and parallel to the outer wall of the door structure, and in that the outer surface of the box structure facing towards the outer door wall is parallel and close to a line along which the window, which can be dropped down into the space between the outer wall of the door and the said surface of the box structure moves, and in that the inner surface of the box structure facing towards the

inside of the vehicle is equipped with attachment means for mounting the equipment destined for the inside of the vehicle.

2. (Amended) The vehicle door according to Claim 1, wherein the line of movement and the surface of the box structure parallel to it are curved.

3. (Amended) The vehicle door according to Claim 1, wherein the equipment support is made up of two shaped parts.

4. (Amended) The vehicle door according to Claim 3, wherein the shaped parts have rather similar dimensions and are fixed firmly together around their entire periphery.

5. (Amended) The vehicle door according to Claim 3, wherein one of the two shaped parts has smaller dimensions than the other shaped part.

6. (Amended) The vehicle door according to Claim 1, wherein the equipment support is made as a single piece and in that the region in the form of a box structure has openings or recesses for installing equipment.

7. (Amended) The vehicle door according to Claim 6, wherein the openings or recesses are provided only on that side of the box structure-shaped region that faces towards the inside of the vehicle.

8. (Amended) The vehicle door according to Claim 1, wherein a body of foam is placed in a hollow of the equipment support in order to afford side impact protection.

9. (Deleted).

Please add new Claims 10-19 as follows.

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B2 10. (New) A component support assembly for a vehicle door, comprising:
a rigid double-shell box structure, said box structure comprising at least two continuous walls spaced apart and parallel to an outer wall of said vehicle door and configured to form at least one hollow section;

wherein said rigid double-shell box structure is configured to fit within said vehicle door and to be fixedly attached to said vehicle door, and

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wherein said rigid double-shell box structure is configured to provide independent structural support for a plurality of vehicle door components fixedly attached to said rigid double-shell box structure.

11. (New) The component support assembly of Claim 10, wherein said rigid box structure comprises:

a first shaped rigid structural member; and

a second shaped rigid structural member configured to join with said first shaped rigid member to form said rigid box structure.

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12. (New) The component support assembly of 10, wherein said rigid double-shell box structure is configured to accommodate a curved vehicle door window.

13. (New) The component support assembly of 10, wherein said rigid double-shell box structure further comprises rigid impact absorbing foam.

14. (New) The component support assembly of 11, wherein said second shaped rigid structural member is configured to join with said first shaped rigid member at a closed edge around a periphery of said first rigid structural member.

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15. (New) A vehicle door, comprising:
an outer panel configured to be mounted on a vehicle body;
a component support assembly, comprising

a rigid double-shell box structure, said box structure comprising at least two continuous walls spaced apart and parallel to an outer wall of said vehicle door and configured to form at least one hollow section;

wherein said rigid double-shell box structure is configured to fit within said outer panel and to be fixedly attached to said outer panel, and

C78 wherein said rigid double-shell box structure is configured to provide independent structural support for a plurality of vehicle door components fixedly attached to said rigid double-shell box structure; and

an interior lining.

16. (New) The component support assembly of Claim 15, wherein said rigid double-shell box structure comprises:

329 a first shaped rigid structural member; and

a second shaped rigid structural member configured to join with said first shaped rigid member to form said rigid double-shell box structure.

Sub 1571 17. (New) The component support assembly of 15, wherein said rigid double-shell box structure is configured to accommodate a curved vehicle door window.

18. (New) The component support assembly of 15, wherein said rigid double-shell box structure further comprises rigid impact absorbing foam.

19. (New) The component support assembly of 16, wherein said second shaped rigid structural member is configured to join with said first shaped rigid member at a closed edge around a periphery of said first rigid structural member.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment.